

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-8, 10-12, 14-17, 19-21, 23, 26, and 27 are pending. In the Non-Final Office Action dated October 8, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 6-8, 10-12, 14-17, 19-21, 26, and 27 under 35 USC §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants thank the Examiner for suggesting proposed claim amendments to independent claims 6, 15, 26, and 27 to clearly recite patentable subject matter under Section 101. (See Office Action, page 4.) While Applicants do not believe such amendments are necessary, in the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 6, 15, 26, and 27 as proposed by the Examiner. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification as filed.

In light of these amendments, the claims are now in condition for allowance. (See Office Action, page 3; “Claims 6-8, 10-12, 14-17, 19-21, 23, 26, and 27 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 101 set forth in this Office action.”)

For at least these reasons, the rejections of all pending claims should be withdrawn and the claims should be passed to issue. While this paper is believed to completely address all pending rejections, Applicant reserves the right to set forth other reasons supporting the patentability of the claims, including reasons supporting the separate patentability of dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> As Applicant’s remarks with respect to the Examiner’s rejections are sufficient to overcome any rejections, Applicant’s silence as to assertions by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., whether a reference constitutes prior art, motivation to combine references, assertions as to dependent claims, etc.) is not a concession by Applicant that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicant reserves the right to analyze and dispute such assertions/requirements in the future.

**CONCLUSION**

All rejections have been addressed. In view of the above, the presently pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

It is believed that any fees associated with the filing of this paper are identified in an accompanying transmittal. However, if any additional fees are required, they may be charged to Deposit Account 18-0013, under order number 65632-0282. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is hereby made, the fee for which should be charged against the aforementioned account.

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